

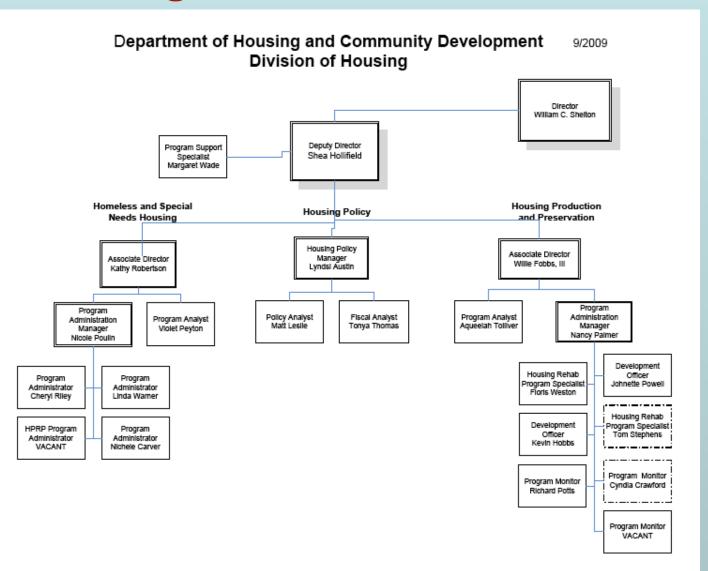
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Implementation Session

September 22 and 23, 2009



Organizational Chart





Today's Session

- Overview
 - Funding decisions
 - Contracts
 - Service areas
- Outreach
- Program Participant Eligibility
- Eligible Activities
- Ineligible Activities
- Cautions
- Other Requirements
- HMIS, data collection, and reporting requirements
- Programmatic and financial monitoring
- Q & A
- Wrap up



Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

- Part of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- DHCD and 13 entitlements in Virginia will receive funds
- DHCD to receive approximately \$11.4 million
- HPRP is focused on housing for homeless and at-risk households
- Not a mortgage assistance program



Funding Levels

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DHCD Funded HPRP Sub-grantees

Accomack-Northampton PDC

Action in Community Through Service

Appalachian Community Action &

Development Agency

Arlington County

Community Touch

Council of Community Services

Hampton-Newport News CSB

Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence

H.O.P.E. Community Services, Inc.

Improvement Association

Isle of Wight County DSS

Loudoun County DFS

Lynchburg Community Action

Mercy House

New River Community Action

Northern Shenandoah Valley

Regional Commission

People Incorporated of Virginia

Reston Interfaith

Suffolk DSS

Support to Eliminate Poverty

Thurman Brisben

Total Action Against Poverty

Virginia Supportive Housing



But remember other HPRP Entitlements

HPRP Entitlement Localities*	1
Alexandria	
Arlington	
Chesapeake	
Chesterfield	
Fairfax County	
Henrico	
Newport News	
Norfolk	
Portsmouth	
Prince William	
Richmond	
Roanoke	
Virginia Beach	

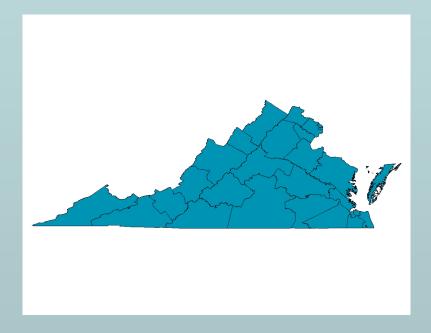
^{*}Virginia localities not listed above are non-entitlement areas.

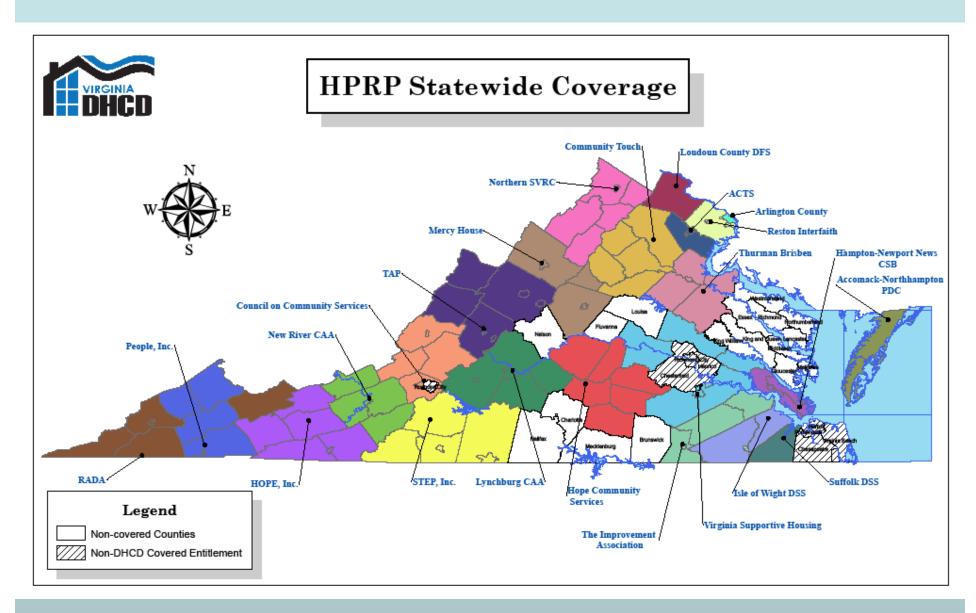
State-funded HPRP must coordinate with HPRP entitlement funding.



Eligible Service Areas

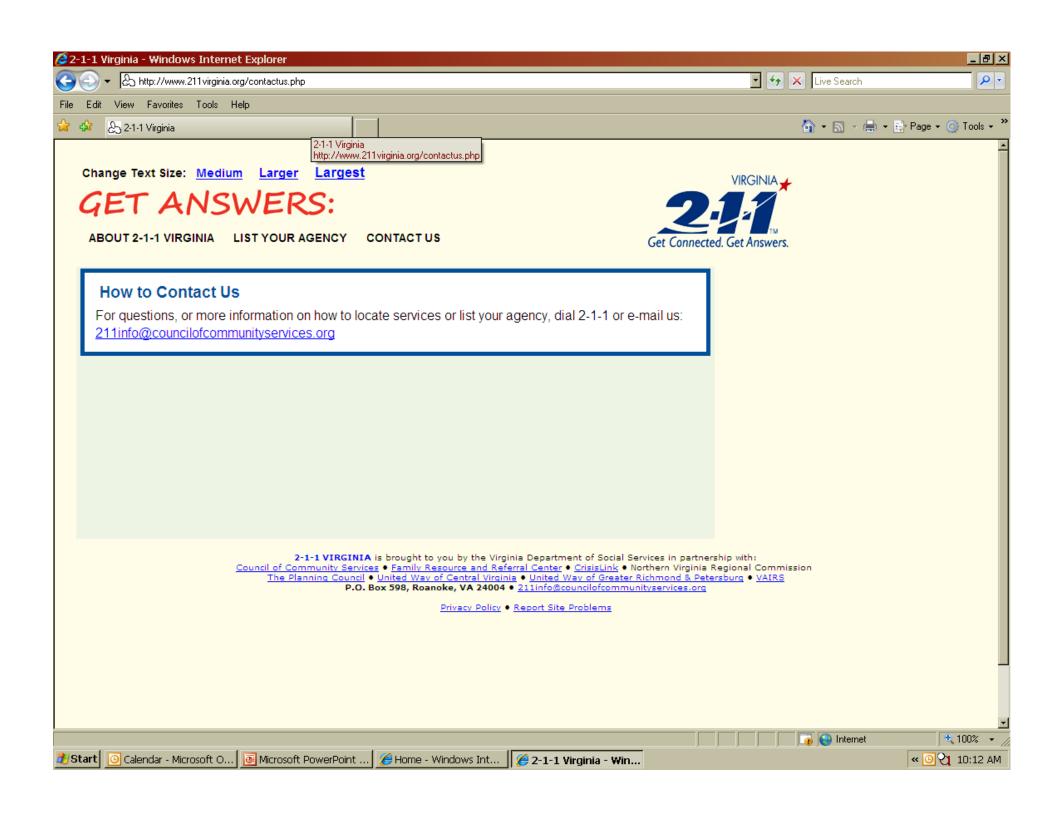
- Statewide program
- All sub-grantees must be able to serve outside their proposed service areas





Outreach and 211 Requirement

- Outreach options
- Agency must maintain up-to-date program information on the Virginia 2-1-1 system
- http://www.211virginia.org/contactus.php



Program Participant Eligibility

- Residency (locality)
- Minimum Requirements
- HPRP Minimum Requirements Form
- Income Eligibility



Residency - locality

- State goal to serve the needs across the state regardless of locality
- Competitive application process gave priority (points) to application serving non-entitlement areas
- Some areas (see map) still have no specific sub-grantee coverage
- All must agree to serve outside sub-grantee specified area in order to assure statewide coverage
- Be careful about duplication
- Be sure to coordinate with entitlement HPRP programs as needed



Target Populations

- Households who would otherwise become homeless (Homelessness Prevention)
- Households who are homeless (Rapid Re-Housing)

"Homeless but for this assistance..."



Program Participant (Client) Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- □ Initial Consultation
- ☐ Medium-term assistance (anything beyond 3 months), evaluation and recertification required every 3 months
- ☐ Household at 50% or below AMI
- ☐ Homeless or at risk
 - ✓ No appropriate housing option AND
 - ✓ Lack financial and support network to obtain or maintain housing



Program Participant Eligibility Homelessness Prevention

- ☐ Minimum Requirements <u>AND</u>
- ☐ At least one high-risk factor OR
- ☐ Two or more moderate-risk factors



Homelessness Prevention High-Risk Factors

- ☐ Eviction within 2 weeks from private dwelling (includes family/friends)
- □ Discharge within 2 weeks institutional stay of at least 180 days
- □ Residency in condemned housing
- ☐ Sudden and significant loss of income



Homelessness Prevention Moderate-Risk Factors (two or more)

Sudden and significant increase in utility costs
Mental health and substance abuse issues
Physical disabilities
Severe housing cost
Homeless in last 12 months
Young head of household (under 25 with children or pregnant)
Current or past involvement with child welfare
Pending foreclosure or rental housing
Extremely low income (30% or below AMI)
High overcrowded
Past institutional care
Recent traumatic life event
Credit problem that preclude obtaining housing
Significant amount of medical debt



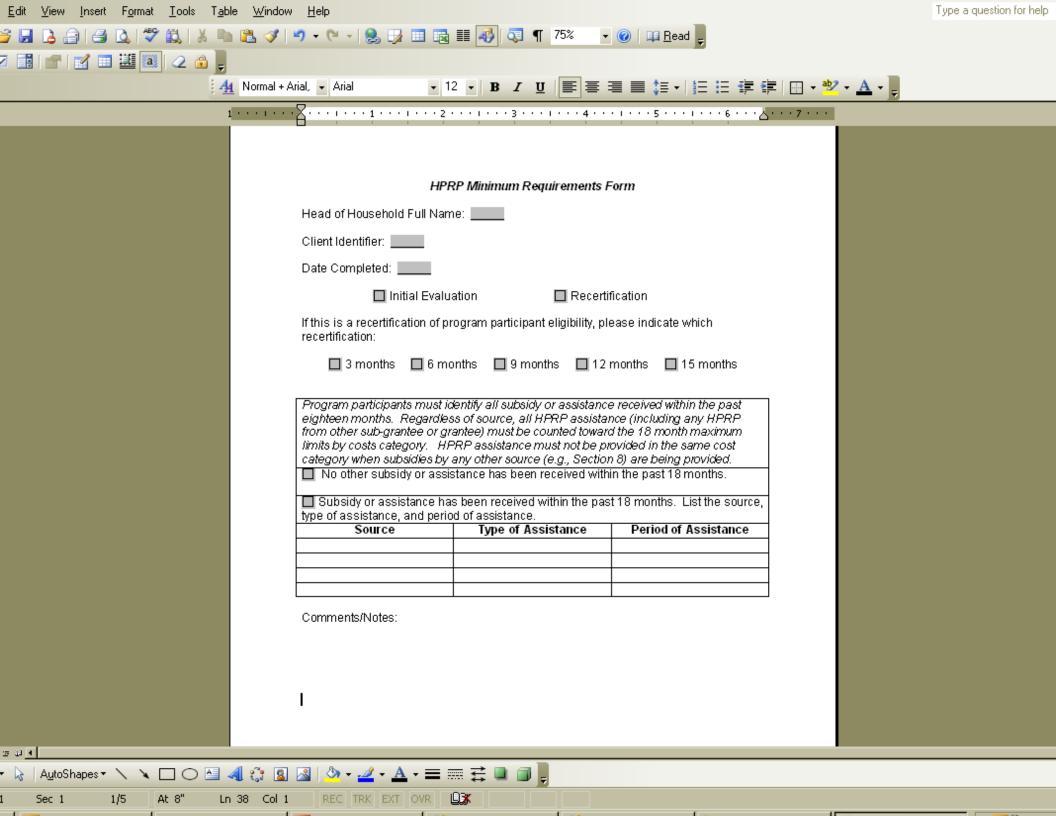
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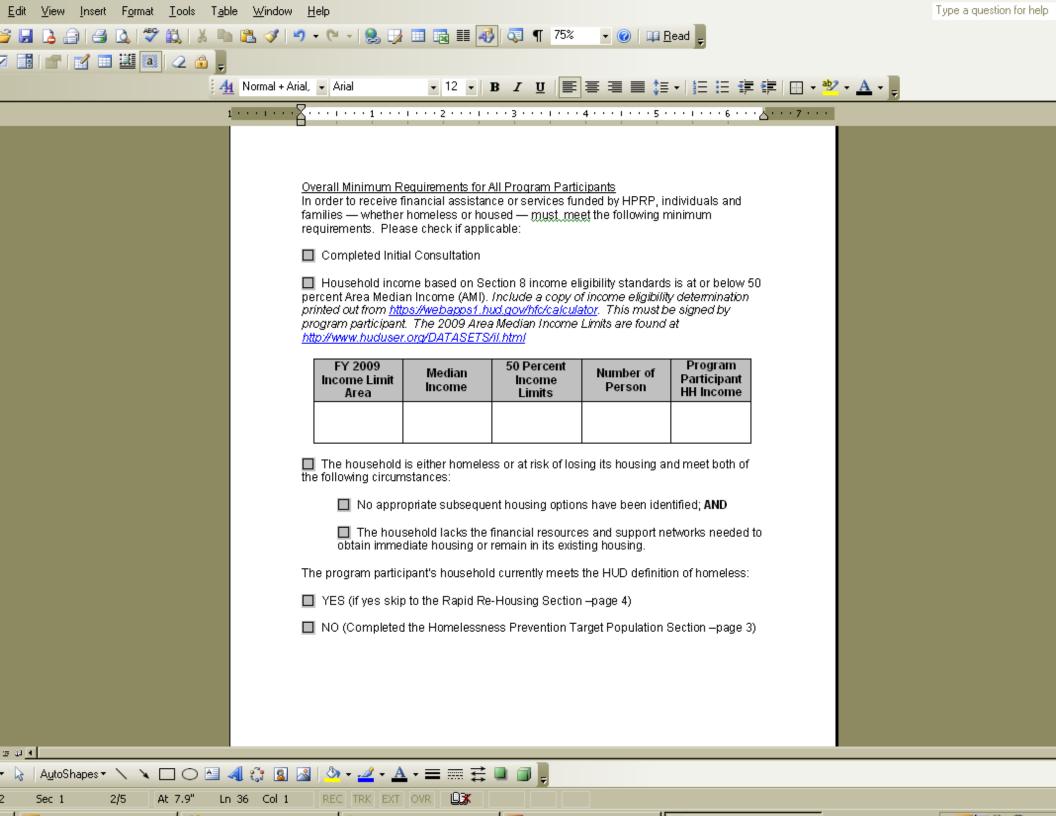
- ☐ Minimum Requirements <u>AND</u>
- ☐ At least one rapid re-housing risk factor

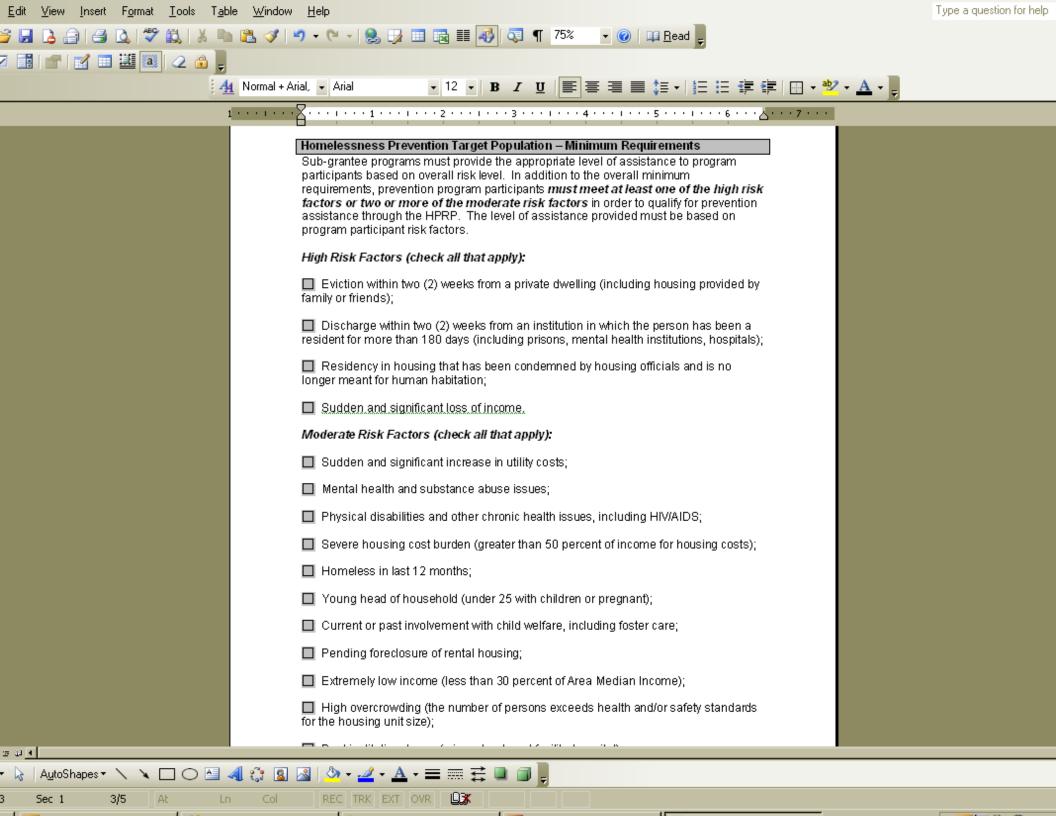


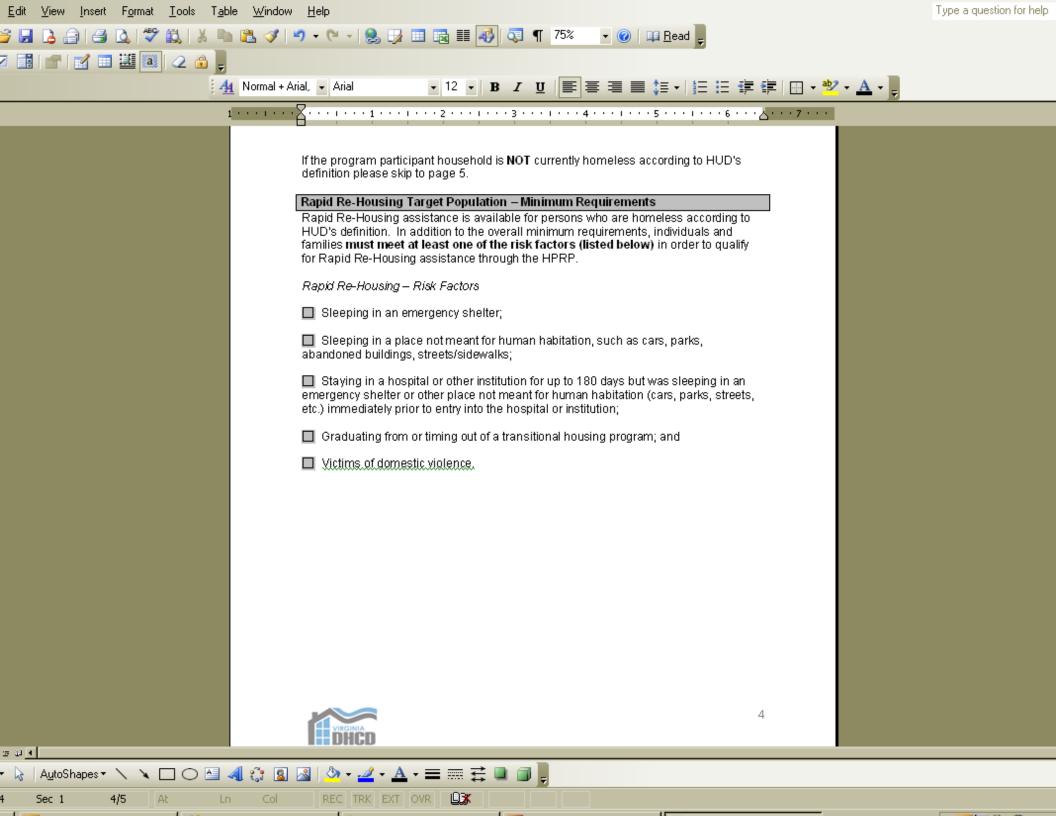
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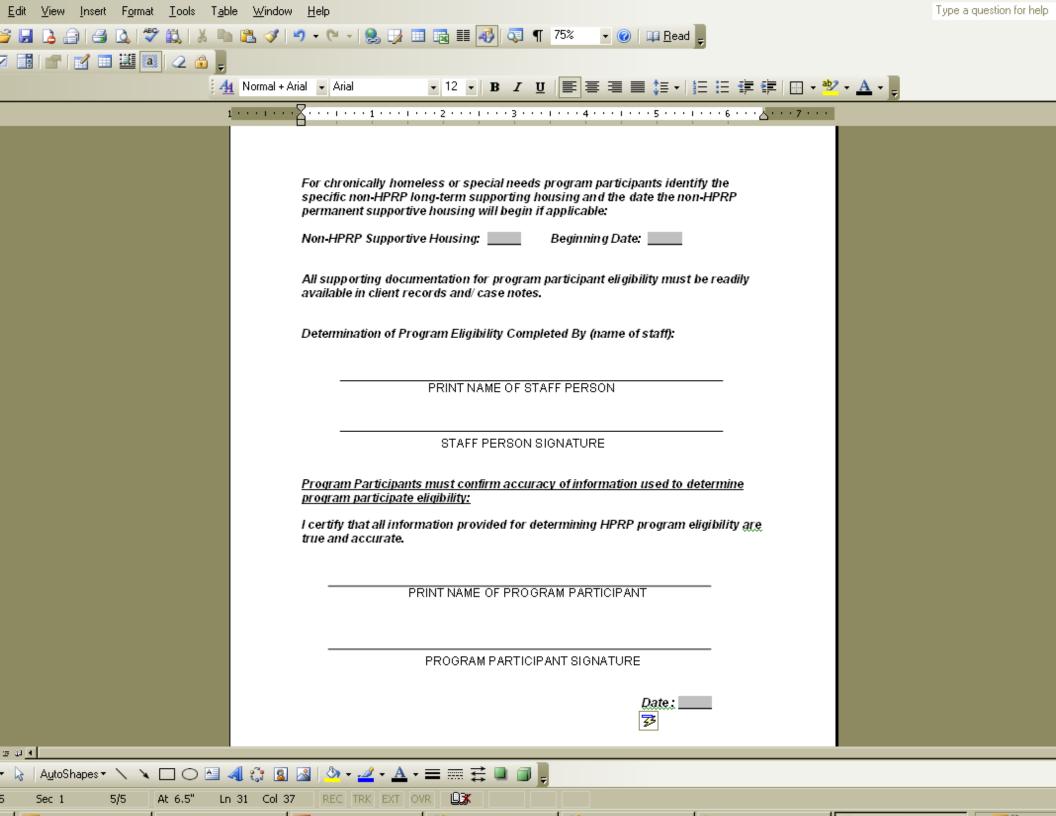
- ☐ Sleeping in an emergency shelter
- ☐ Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation
- ☐ Institutional stay for up to 180 days but prior stay in shelter or place not meant for human habitation
- ☐ Timing out of transitional housing
- □ Victims of domestic violence







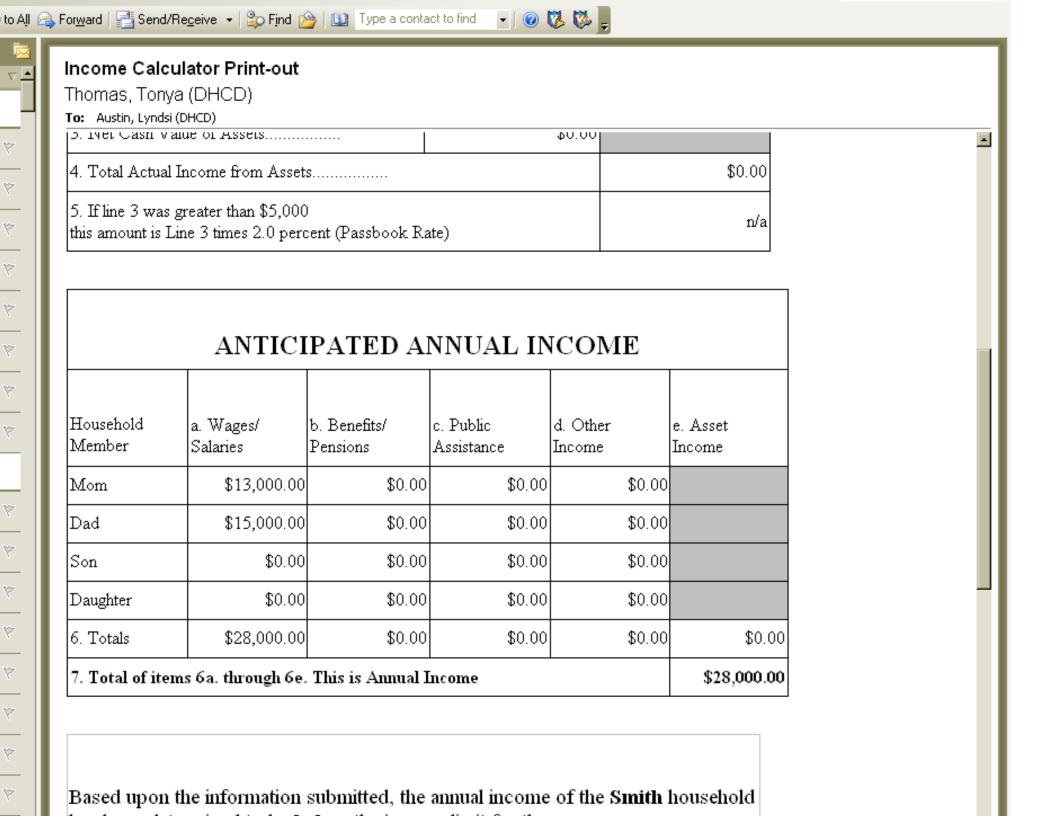


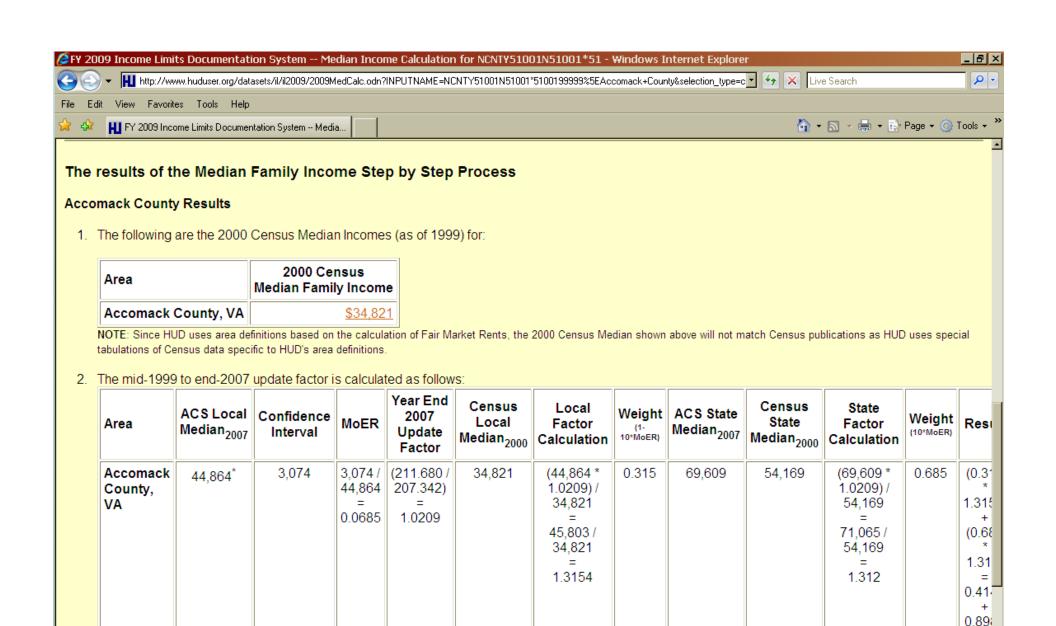


Income Eligibility

- Household income based on Section 8 income eligibility standards
- 50 percent Area Median Income (AMI)
- Include a copy of income eligibility determination printed out from https://webapps1.hud.gov/hfc/calculator
- This must be signed by program participant
- The 2009 Area Median Income Limits are found at http://www.huduser.org/DATASETS/il.html







3. The FY 2009 median family income is estimated as follows:



1.31

The 2007 ACS Local Median shown here was derived from a special tabulation generated for HUD specific to HUD's area definitions.

Can sub-grantees serve homeowners?

- HPRP funds may not be used as mortgage assistance
- It may be appropriate to assist a homeowner at risk of homelessness due to a foreclosure
- Rental assistance, deposits, relocation expenses, and housing relocation and stabilization services may be appropriate
- HPRP can never be used for any mortgage related expenses (including but not limited to taxes, insurance, late fees, or attorney fees)

Can chronically homeless or special needs clients be served with HPRP?

- Chronically homeless persons or individuals and families with multiple problems may not be a good fit for the HPRP program
- HPRP focuses on transitioning HPRP participants into permanent housing relatively quickly
- Use caution when targeting those needed ongoing longterm support beyond the allowable timeframe of the HPRP program
- Sub-grantees must document the specific non-HPRP long-term supportive housing and the date the non-HPRP permanent supportive housing will begin

Program participant eligibility - Required documentation

- HPRP Minimum Requirements Form
 - supporting documentation
- Income Eligibility Determination (signed print out)
 - supporting documentation
- Chronic/special needs document the specific non-HPRP long-term supporting housing and the date the non-HPRP permanent supportive housing will begin



Eligible Activities

- ☐ Financial assistance
- ☐ Housing relocation and stabilization services
- ☐ Data collection and evaluation (HMIS)
- □ Administrative costs



Funding Levels

- DHCD will have a total of \$11,040,512 available for funding
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- Based on approved program budget
- Budget revisions
- Budget changes (within cost category limits) are allowed if within 10 percent

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Eligible Activities: Financial Assistance

- ☐ At least 68 percent of grant
- ☐ Third party payments only
- ☐ Assistance should be needs-based (ex. shallow subsidies, payment of 100% rent charged or graduated/declining subsidies)
- ☐ Includes:
 - > Short-term rental assistance (limited to 3 months)
 - ➤ Medium term rental assistance (4-18 month limit)
 - > Security deposits
 - Utility deposits
 - Utility payments
 - Moving costs
 - Motel/hotel vouchers



Eligible Activities: Financial Assistance

- □<u>No</u> mortgage assistance
- □ No rent assistance in otherwise subsidized units
- □<u>No</u> rent assistance in units owned by subgrantee or partner
- ☐ Mobile home rent on pads/lots is eligible
- ☐ Costs to provide financial services (inspection, processing of HPRP assistance checks) are eligible



Eligible Activities: Financial Assistance – Motel/Hotel Vouchers

- □Use caution with motel/hotel vouchers
- ■Must be able to document no available shelter beds
- □Very short-term temporary solution only
- ■Must have identified and documented permanent housing



Eligible Activities: Housing Relocation and Stabilization

- ☐ No more than 25 percent of grant
- ☐ Includes:
 - √ Case management
 - ✓ Outreach and engagement
 - ✓ Housing search and placement
 - ✓ Legal services
 - ✓ Credit repair



Eligible Activities: Data Collection and Evaluation

- ☐ Limited to five percent of grant
- □ Reasonable and appropriate costs associated with operating HMIS for the purpose of HPRP
- ☐ Users licenses
- ☐ Staff costs
- Must go through your local Continuum of Care to access HMIS



Eligible Activities: Administrative Costs

- ☐ Limited to two percent of grant
- ☐ Accounting for use of grant
- ☐ Preparing reports for submission to DHCD or HUD
- ☐ See guidelines for details



Ineligible Activities

	Assistance/services available through other Recovery Act programs (i.e. child care and employment training)	
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	MORTGAGE COSTS	
	Assistance beyond 18 months	
	☐ Other ineligible and prohibited activities:	
	Construction or rehabilitation	
	 Credit card bills or other consumer debt 	
	Car repair or other transportation costs	
	Travel costs	
	➢ Food	
	Medical or dental care and medicines	
	Home furnishings	
	Pet care	
	Entertainment activities	
	Work or education related materials	
	Cash assistance to program participants	
	Discharge development	
	Certifications, licenses and general training classes	
	Programs may not charge fees to HPRP program participants	

Funds may **not** be directly issued to program participants

If funds are found to be used for ineligible activities as determined by DHCD, the sub-grantee will be required to reimburse these costs to DHCD.



Cautions

- □ Some proposals included some possible ineligible activities
- □ Sub-grantees must assure that they comply with program guidelines, amendments to program guidelines, and written agreements
- Clarifications to program guidelines will be ongoing
- ☐ All amendments to the program guideline will posted online and sent via email to sub-grantee contacts
- ☐ The sub-grantee is the responsible party
- ☐ Please pay attention to these notices
- ☐ Please make sure contact information is kept up-to-date



Other Requirements

- □ Discharge Coordination Planning
- ☐ DUNS Number and CCR
- ☐ Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws
- □ Confidentiality



Other Requirements

- ☐ Conflict of Interest
- Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
- ☐ Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Uniform Administrative Requirements
- ☐ Equal Participation of Religious Organization
- ☐ Drug Free Work Place
- ☐ Termination of assistance
- ☐ Recordkeeping and retention (five years)

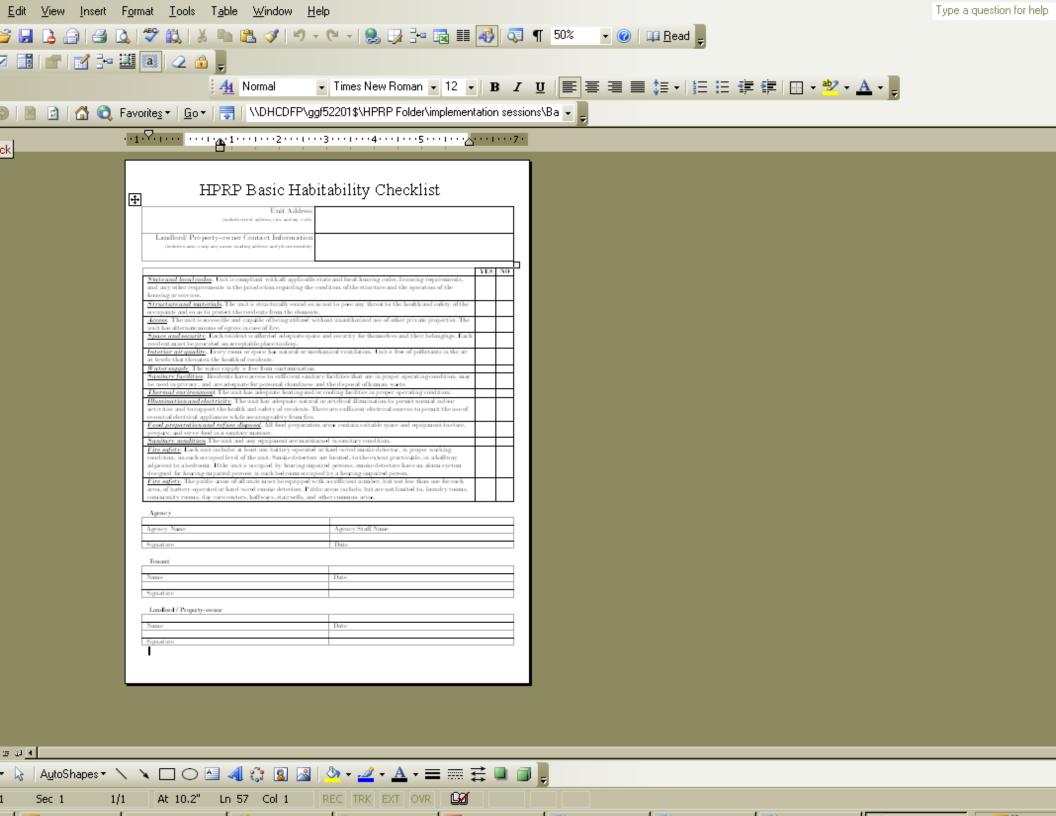


Other Requirements

- Monitoring
 - ☐ Sub-grantees/Partners
 - □ DHCD/sub-grantees
 - ☐ HUD/DHCD
 - ☐ HUD/sub-grantees
- ☐ HMIS
- □ Performance Reports
- ☐ Habitability Standards (required documentation)
- ☐ Lead-Based Paint (required documentation)

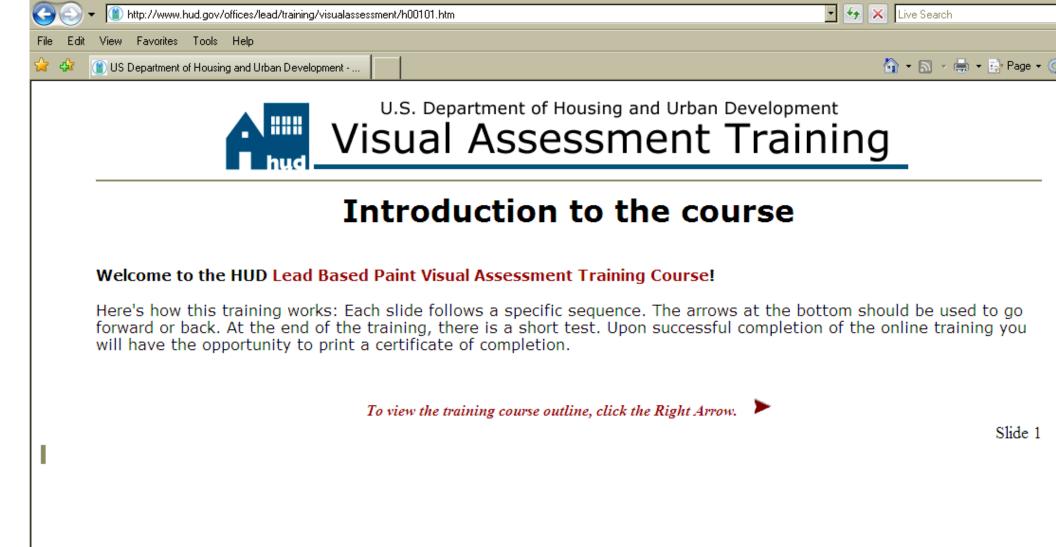
Habitability Standards

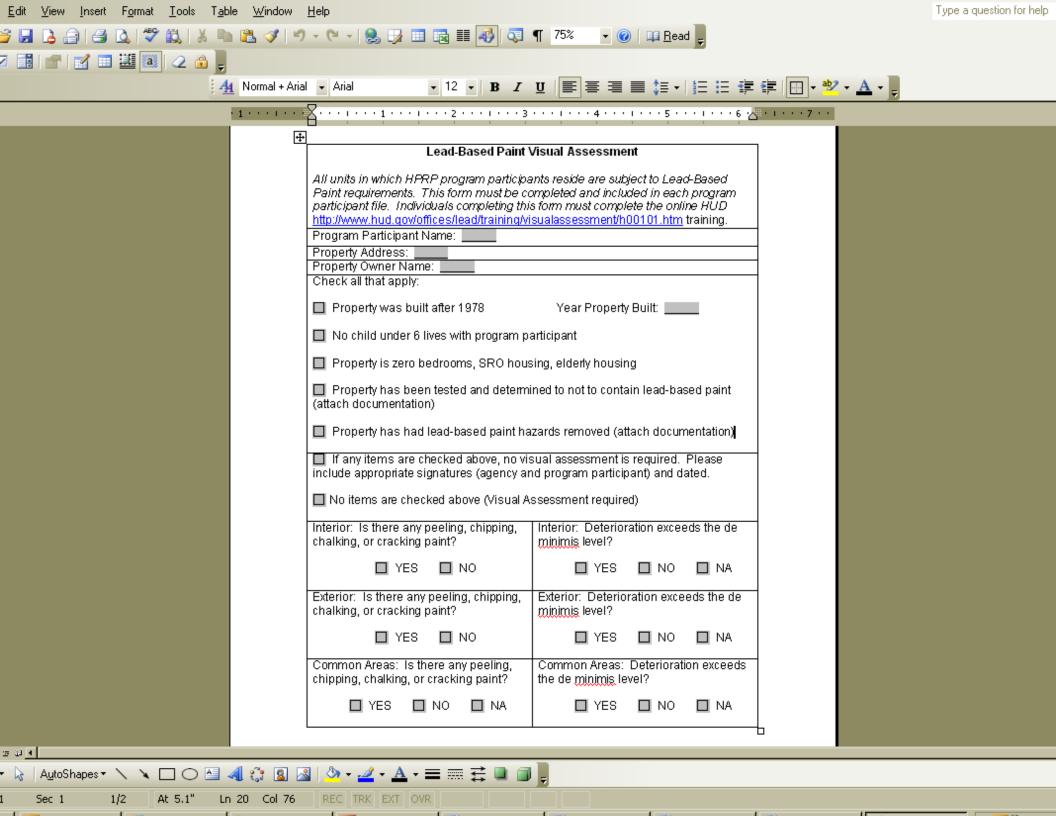
These standards apply only when a program participant is moving into a new unit.
They do NOT apply to persons served with HPRP prevention assistance in an existing unit.
Habitability standards do not require a certified inspector.
Inspections must be conducted upon initial occupancy.
Re-inspected on annual basis for the term of HPRP assistance
Anytime a program participant moves into a new unit it triggers the Habitability Standards inspection.
Must use Basic Habitability Check List form
Must be signed by landlord, program participant, and staff



Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment

	Applies to ALL housing occupied by families receiving assistance through HPRP
	Must be conducted by trained staff:
_	http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm
	☐ Take about 20 minutes to complete training
	Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment form must be completed for
	all program participants
	Not all will require a onsite visual assessment. Not required for:
	☐ If property built after 1978
	☐ No children under six will be in household
	Initial and periodic inspections
	Must be signed by landlord (if visual assessment is required),
	program participant, and staff







Reporting, Data Collection and HMIS

Due now:
☐ HMIS certification (September 16)
☐ Signed contract (September 30)
☐ Revised program budget (October 5)
□ Revised program design - outreach, targeting, method for determining level of assistance (October 5)
☐ Initial allocation request (October 5)
■ Most recent audit (if we don't already have this - October 5)
☐ Initial Quarterly Report (October 5)
☐ Sub-grantee data
Projected numbers served by target population and cost category
HPRP Quarterly Report (1/5; 4/5; 7/5; 10/5) includes:
☐ Client level HMIS data
Expenditures by cost categories and target population
□ Outcome data – housing status and entry and exit
☐ Reimbursement request



HMIS Administrator

- Provides access to ServicePoint which is a required HMIS
- Provides initial training and support to system
- Provides technical assistance to grantees to ensure high data quality
- Provides monthly data quality reports for HPRP data compliance
- Provides HPRP data for quarterly reports



HPRP Sub-grantee

- Required to regularly enter client data into HMIS
- Ensure compliance with data entry requirements
- Required to provide agency point-of-contact to verify data and address any data quality issues in a timely manner
- Verify quarterly reports for QPR



HPRP – Reporting to HUD

- DHCD will have 10 calendar days to review, aggregate, and submit the Quarterly Performance Report (QPR) to HUD.
- Note that only a small amount of data for the QPR comes from HMIS.
- All client data must be entered into HMIS by the last day of the quarter.
- On the 1st day of the new quarter, Homeward will run the HMIS data grantees need for the QPR and email it to designated recipients.
- Grantees will have three business days to verify the information on the reports and let Homeward know if there are problems.
- Upon request, Homeward will re-run the HMIS data needed for the QPR and email it to designated recipients.



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Monitoring

- ☐ Dedicated DHCD staff HPRP program administrator
- ☐ HUD and DHCD will be monitoring
- □ Sub-grantee is responsible for assuring and monitoring any partner's performances
- ☐ Must be prepared to make program records available
- □ Programmatic Monitoring
- □ Financial Monitoring
- □ Currently scheduling monitoring



HPRP - Important Dates		
September 30, 2009	Signed contracts, etc	
October 5, 2009	Initial Report Due	
January 5; April 5 July 5; October 5	Quarterly Reports Due (2010 and 2011)	
September 2010	Second year funding review (should be at 50 percent expended)	
September 30, 2011	End of award period	





Q & A





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